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Upper Bee Branch Creek Restoration Project Receives Three Excellence in Concrete Awards

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The Upper Bee Branch Creek Restoration Project was recently awarded Excellence in Concrete Awards from the Iowa Ready Mixed Concrete Association (IRMCA) in the categories of Sustainable Practices, Recreational Trails, and Public Works - Recreational.

Steve Sampson Brown, City of Dubuque Engineering Department Project Manager; Toby Moeggenberg, Portzen Construction, Inc. Project Superintendent; Michael Jansen, IIW P.C. Chief Executive Officer and Principal Civil and Structural Engineer; and Steve Kluesner, BARD Materials Area Manager, accepted the awards during the Iowa Better Concrete Conference in Ames on November 9, 2017.

The IRMCA Excellence in Concrete Awards recognizes outstanding projects from throughout the state. Entries are judged on architectural design, engineering and construction challenges, complexity of project, uniqueness of project, workmanship, finished impression, and diverse application of ready mixed concrete.

The Upper Bee Branch Creek Restoration Project involved the removal of the buried Bee Branch storm sewer which was replaced with a 2,300-foot long creek and green space. It also included the construction of two vehicular bridges, a multi-use trail, a permeable parking lot, a stepped amphitheater, spillway, play area with slides, and several scenic overlooks. The Upper Bee Branch Creek Restoration is one of several infrastructure improvements the City of Dubuque is making as part of the Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project to address severe and frequent flash flooding in the Bee Branch Watershed.

The IRMCA was formed in 1949 as a state organization representing the ready mixed concrete industry. It serves as a vast resource for concrete construction technical information, research, training for the concrete industry, and promotion of the best material used to construct structures and pavements for Iowa's infrastructure.

To learn more about the IRMCA, visit www.iowareadymix.org. To learn more about the Bee Branch Watershed Flood Mitigation Project, visit www.cityofdubuque.org/beebranch.

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